



1 **GPSA Resolution #6: GPSA Finance Commission Guideline**
2 **Amendments for Ph.D. Students at Cornell Tech (PACT)**

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4 Abstract: Ph.D. Students at Cornell Tech (PACT) is seeking establishment as a representative
5 organization for all Ph.D. Students studying at the Cornell Tech campus in New York City. Due to
6 the Ithaca-centric nature of the current guidelines, some parts of the guidelines need to be clarified
7 or amended for PACT to operate. These changes apply to PACT only and do not alter the GPSAFC
8 Guidelines for organizations in general.

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10 Sponsored by: Nate Rogers, GPSA President

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12 **Whereas,** The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GPSA) represents graduate and
13 professional students at the Ithaca, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station
14 (Geneva), and Cornell NYC Tech campuses;

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16 **Whereas,** Ph.D. Students studying at the Cornell Tech campus in New York City seek to form a
17 graduate student organization, Ph.D. Students at Cornell Tech (PACT);

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19 **Whereas,** PACT is intended to serve the purpose of a field organization for the Ph.D. students
20 studying at the Cornell Tech Campus, and no such other organization that can serve this
21 purpose exists;

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23 **Whereas,** Ph.D. students at Cornell Tech pay the Student Activity Fee, yet currently would be
24 unable to use any funds they obtain through the Graduate and Professional Student
25 Assembly Finance Commission (GPSAFC) in New York City without explicit written
26 approval for each event;

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28 **Whereas,** the GPSA supports the creation of a field organization to represent all of the Ph.D.
29 students studying at Cornell Tech that does not face any special burdens specific to their
30 location away from the Ithaca campus;

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32 **Be it therefore resolved,** that when interpreting Section II, Item 8 in the GPSAFC Guidelines with
33 regards to PACT, the language be understood as including the Cornell Tech campus when it
34 refers to the “Cornell campus.”

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36 **Be it further resolved,** that Section II, Item 9 in the GPSAFC Guidelines with regards to PACT be
37 understood to include New York City with Tompkins County and Geneva Station as a
38 location that does not require a compelling reason or special approval to host a field, social,
39 or club sport event.

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41 **Be it further resolved,** that PACT be recognized as the only “field” organization for students
42 studying at Cornell Tech campus, and therefore be considered eligible for field funding



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43 based off of the total number Ph.D. students studying on that campus at the beginning of
44 the semester in which PACT's annual budget is reviewed.

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46 **Be it further resolved,** that PACT receive a one-time increase of \$300 in its maximum funding
47 allowance as a first-time applicant to the GPSAFC to account for a lack of access to free
48 resources otherwise available to first-time applicants located at the Ithaca Campus.

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50 **Be it further resolved,** that these accommodations made for PACT be understood as a temporary
51 measure until such a time as the GPSAFC Guidelines are revised to account for the
52 possibility of graduate and professional student organizations located at the Cornell Tech
53 campus in general.

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55 **Be it finally resolved,** that these changes apply to PACT only and do not alter GPSAFC guidelines
56 or organizations in general.

Deleted: [that this doesn't change the FC guidelines]

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60 Respectfully Submitted,
61 Nate Rogers
62 *President, Graduate and Professional Student Assembly*
63 *October, 17th, 2016*

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